

THREE HIGH SCHOOLS AWARD 281 DIPLOMAS

Central, Eastern, and Western Commencement at Convention Hall.

HANNIS TAYLOR STOPS SPEECH

Superintendent Stuart Given an Ovation When He Arises to Distribute Scholarships.

Amid a shower of beautiful flowers which were banked tier upon tier in the hands of the graduates, and which well nigh hid all on the huge stage but the smiling, happy faces of the former pupils as they gazed down into the audience which filled Convention Hall, 281 members of the fourth year classes of Central, Eastern, and Western High schools were presented with their diplomas last night by Thomas H. Anderson, associate justice of the District Supreme Court.

As the last diploma, proof of the successful completion of four years of effort, was awarded, the Marine Band struck up a lively air and the under classmen began distributing great bunches of American Beauty roses, carnations, and flower baskets to the graduates.

When the flowers were given out, Percy M. Hughes, director of high schools and in immediate charge of the exercises, waved his hand, and with arms reaching with the welcome of the flowers, the former pupils arose and stood while the band played the "Star-Spangled Banner." It was a sight as old as the Washington high schools, a sight which is witnessed year after year by fond parents and loving friends, but it was a new one last night to the proud father and mother who had special interest in the ceremonies because of the one which they recognized among those on the platform.

Largest Class.
Last night's exercises mark an epoch in the high schools of the District. It was the largest class which has ever graduated from the three academic schools. It outnumbered even the largest class which received diplomas when the Board of Education, presided by the Rev. J. H. Oyster, president of the Board of Education, presided over the exercises.

Dr. T. J. McNicholas, formerly a member of the Board of Education; Mrs. Mary P. Lockwood, who presented the annual prize medal offered by the D. A. R. for the best essay on a subject dealing with Revolutionary times, and members of the Board of Education, and faculties of the high schools.

Following the invocation by the Rev. James H. Taylor, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, and a selection by the Marine Band, Hannis Taylor, special counsel to the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, began an address. The size of the hall was too great a strain on Mr. Taylor's voice, and he was finally forced to stop.

Stuart Given Ovation.
When Captain Oyster next presented Alexander T. Stuart, superintendent of public schools, as a man representing and loved by 60,000 pupils and every teacher in the District, and the man whom the body which he represents wants always in his present capacity, a thunderous roar of applause from the 5,000 spectators greeted his appearance to award the scholarships. Before beginning his task, Mr. Stuart, despite his assertion that he would not make an address, delivered a speech which will live long in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to hear him.

"As I watched the graduates enter the hall," said he, "I drew wonderful inspiration from the fathers and mothers before me. I saw them look with hungry faces and with eager eyes for their own children, ignoring all the rest, and I felt it was right that it should be so. And then I saw the glad smile of pleasure which overspread their faces, and I wished it could be photographed and kept for each boy and girl to look at in the years to come."

Scholarships Awarded.
The scholarships were awarded as follows:

Six scholarships in the George Washington University were awarded to students passing highest in the college entrance examinations—Kendall scholarship to Keith Foster, Central High School; First University scholarship to Harold Keats, Western High School; Second University scholarship to Edith Cash, Eastern High School; Third University scholarship to Lenore Heald, Central High School; Fourth University scholarship to Katherine M. Newbold, Central High School; Fifth University scholarship to Elmer Stewart, Western High School.

Scholarship in the Woman's College, of Baltimore, Md., to Nettie R. McGill, Eastern High School.
Scholarship in Lafayette College—Ralph W. Brown, Eastern High School; Matthew S. Farmer, Eastern High School; M. Brice Claggett, Central High School; Raymond Hoover, Central High School.

Scholarship in University of Pennsylvania—Fred Keschwitz, Central High School.
Georgetown medical scholarship—Frank Duhring, Central High School, and James Townsend, Central High School.

Washington and Lee scholarships—Richard Owen, Central High School, and Raymond S. Walters, Western High School.
The gold medal presented by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for an essay on a given subject on Revolutionary history was awarded to Miss Nettie Pauline McGill, of Eastern High School, and honorable mention was made of the essay of Harriett Hunter Cremer, of Eastern High School, and James Stuart Plant, of Western High School. The exercises closed with the awarding of diplomas by Justice Anderson and the distribution of flowers to the graduates.

THREE PLAYS GIVEN AT COMMENCEMENT

Three cleverly enacted plays formed the program of the commencement exercises of the Immaculate Conception School for Boys which were held in Carroll Institute Hall yesterday. The plays were two one-act sketches, "Who Was the Turncoat?" and "The Great Elbow," while a three-act historical play "Lorenzo," concluded the program.

CLASS OFFICERS IN HIGH SCHOOLS



Several orchestral numbers were given by members of the Marine Band and the school choir sang G. A. Veazie's "Revel of Leaver."

One of the most attractive numbers of the program was a march and song given by the minims of the school. A number of priests attended the exercises.

CONZAGA COLLEGE GRADUATES SEVEN

The Rev. T. J. McNicholas Makes Address, and the Rev. Joseph Himmel Presents Prizes.

The fifty-ninth annual commencement of Gonzaga College was held last night in the college theater, when seven students were given diplomas. The Rev. T. J. McNicholas made the address and the diplomas, and awards were presented by the Rev. Joseph Himmel, rector of the school. The graduates were Clarence Charles Candy, Emmet Holland, James Patrick Madigan, Cornelius Edward Shea, and Thomas Aloysius Shea.

Fourth year, high school—James Francis Igou, Robert Emmet Holland, Joseph Patrick Madigan, Thomas Aloysius Shea, Cornelius Edward Shea, and Clarence Charles Candy.

Third year, high school—Rudolph Joseph Eichhorn, Lev. Brison Norris George Washington Repetti, Joseph Anthony Pennell, Frederick Francis Donovan, Thomas Francis Donohoe, and George Elmer Donn.

Second year, high school—John Joseph Heenan, Edmund Aloysius Kummer, Thomas Francis Theodore, Thomas James Marsden, Thomas Henry Healy, Joseph Michael Geier, Francis David O'Connell.

First year, high school—John Joseph O'Day, James Aloysius O'Leary, James David Nugent, Sefton L. Darr, Hubert James Smith, Charles Thomas Peck, William J. Cullinan.

The Phobias medal for excellence in debate was awarded to John A. Dore, and the gold medal for elocution to Edward C. Healy.

MCDONOUGH SCHOOL GIVES TEN DIPLOMAS

Ten graduates received their diplomas last night from the McDonough Institute, seven in English and three in the commercial course. The exercises were held in the school hall which was attended by 30,000 pupils of the

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President of the Central Class.
C. J. EVANS,
President of the Eastern.
R. EASTON,
Valedictorian of the Central.

District in their respective school buildings.
With dismissal at 3 o'clock, slates were wiped clean, pens and pencils were put away, and all books were closed for the next term in September.
For the next three months the pupils will devote their time to play.

QUEER SENSATIONS UP IN A BALLOON

One of the first questions which I am usually asked by persons seeking information about balloons is, "What is the sensation of going up in a balloon?" writes Capt. C. DeF. Chandler, U. S. A. I will anticipate this same inquiry of the readers of this article, and state for their information that in a free balloon I have not noticed any peculiar physical sensation which can be described.

It would be like trying to describe standing still as a sensation. The impression, on ascending in a free balloon, is more an optical illusion; the ascent is so slow and gentle that it cannot be felt, and one has the impression that the balloon is motionless and the earth gradually dropping away. All the noises and shouts of the people become fainter and die out. As the altitude increases hills and valleys are not apparent and the earth seems flat, like a beautiful colored map, showing cultivated fields, forests, etc.

The greater part of the time a balloon is moving up or down, but the motion is not apparent, and it requires a staccato to indicate whether the balloon is ascending or descending. If a considerable change of altitude is made in a short time, the difference in air pressure may be felt on the ear drums. In descending, even quite rapidly, I have never had any sensation of falling.

Many persons have offered the advice that free balloons would be of no value to an army in time of war, and have intimated that the present use of them is simply time wasted. This may be an appropriate place to state that the principal object in free ballooning is now practiced by the signal corps of the United States army to give officers the advantage of elementary instruction, which is of great value, because a captive balloon or dirigible balloon may, in case of accident, become a free balloon. History records how the French made and sent up from Paris sixty-four balloons during the siege of 1870-1871. These carried a total of 161 persons, 381 carrier pigeons and more than eleven tons of mail. Only six were captured by the Germans and two lost at sea—Journal of the Military Service.

CHURCH ACADEMY GRADUATES THREE
The forty-third commencement of the Immaculate Conception Academy will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon in Carroll Hall. The Rev. J. D. Marr, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, will make the address and award diplomas and prizes. Miss Marie Melling will be the valedictorian and Miss Margaret Dunn will read the salutatory.
Miss Helen Burch will read the class essay. The three young women form the class of 1908.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE UNTIL FALL

Exercises at the closing of the public grade schools were held yesterday afternoon by the 60,000 pupils of the

ST. JAMES SCHOOL AWARDS PREMIUMS

Interesting Program Heard by Many Friends of Virginia Institution.

Commencement exercises for graduates of the St. James' Parish School, of West End, Va., were held in the parish hall on Monday evening before a large audience composed of parents and friends of the pupils.

An interesting program comprising amateur theatricals, recitations, and instrumental and vocal selections by the pupils preceded the awarding of medals and premiums for scholarships. The address was made by the Rev. Father Brennan, pastor of St. James' Church.

Following is a list of those to whom medals were awarded: Ninth grade, gold medal for scholarship, John McCarthy; eighth grade, gold medal for excellence, John Sheehan; gold medal for Christian doctrine, Willard McCauley; silver medal for United States history, Alfred Marshall; silver medal for good conduct, James Murnane. Premiums were awarded as follows: Good conduct and arithmetic, John Murnane; sixth grade, orthography, Harry Adams; catechism, George Stewart; penmanship, Ray Mills; fourth grade, Bible history, Monroe Sheehan; geography, Edward Marshall; third grade, catechism, Eugene Shreve; drawing, Percy Wright; second grade, spelling, Herbert Lowe and Kleine Wren; first grade, good conduct, Michael Maley; application, Happy Birge; encouragement, Clyde Wise.

Medals were awarded to members of the second class in rhetoric as follows: Scholarship, Miss Kathleen McGarity; scholarship in mathematics, Miss Ethel McCauley; Christian doctrine, Miss Agnes Adams; music, Miss Marie Shreve; penmanship, Miss Helen Marshall; rhetoric, Miss Clara Luttrell; composition, Miss Margaret Loring; United States history, Miss Julia Stewart; general application, Miss Alice Stewart; United States history, Miss Alice Scott; orthography, Miss Maggie Shea.

The junior class awards were: Arithmetic, Miss Nine Wright and Miss Marguerite Birge; spelling, Miss Blanche O'Connor; application, Miss Mary Eaton; orthography, Miss Irene Wren, and Miss Clara Maley. Premiums were awarded as follows for special studies: photography, John McCarthy; German, Miss Clara Luttrell and Miss Kathleen McGarity; French, Miss Helen Marshall, and Miss Marguerite Birge.

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We must usually plant labor if we want to raise money. It is hard to believe the truth the way some people tell it.

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If the question "Who is wise?" were put to popular vote, we would each score one.

Some people are so interested in making money that they forget to spend it. The quality of their work troubles many people less than the quantity of their wages.

All that many men save out of life is enough to buy themselves tombstones when they are dead.

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When a woman has to make her hat do for another season, she usually says: "I don't find the new hats very tempting."

STORIES ABOUT CATS.

A Maine lad tells of the remarkable sagacity of a pet cat which he owns. The feline has a great fondness for the flesh of birds, and in order to make her quest for the same successful, employs a stratagem.

Evidently understanding that birds like angle-worms, she collects a number and buries them in the ground. She then hides near by and when the birds alight to secure their coveted morsel, she springs from her concealment and seizes them.

A bird thus falls prey to pussy's shrewdness.

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WALCOTT TO STUDY GEOLOGY OF WEST

Leaves Tomorrow for Wild Region in Northwest—To Examine Boundaries.

Secretary C. D. Walcott, of the Smithsonian Institution, leaves Washington tomorrow for Belton, Mont., accompanied by L. D. Burling, as assistant. Taking a pack train at Belton, it is proposed to cross and recross the main range of the Rocky mountains between the Great Northern railroad and North Kootenay Pass, in British Columbia. This is one of the wildest and most unsettled areas, and the location of the principal glaciers within the United States, outside of Alaska.

Secretary Walcott's purpose is to study the great sections of rocks exposed largely above the timber line, along the crest of the continental divide. This work will fill in a gap in the investigations that he has been making of the great series of older sedimentary rocks from southwestern Nevada, to the line of the Canadian Pacific railway in Alberta and British Columbia.

Mr. Walcott will also examine the monument of the boundary on the forty-ninth parallel, this work being in charge of Dr. Pittman, the superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Mr. Walcott.

Plans have been approved by the Secretary for the operations of the several branches of the Smithsonian Institution, and for the preparation of quarters for the meetings of the Tuberculosis Congress.

During the absence of Secretary Walcott the affairs of the institution will be in charge of the assistant secretaries, Dr. Richard Rathbun and Dr. Cyrus Adler.

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